

April 24, 2006

Obit: Irene Joyce Zoellner



- Funeral service for Irene Joyce Zoellner, 76, Groton, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church in Groton. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Pastor Terry Kenny officiating.
- A public prayer service will be 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006 at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, Aberdeen. Visitation is 2- 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Tuesday.
- Irene died Friday, April 21, 2006 at her home.
- Irene Joyce was born September 5, 1929 to Joseph and Frances Julia (Grieben) Mullner in Westport, SD. She graduated from Westport High School and then attended Presentation College where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Irene

was employed at the Ipswich Hospital until she married Orval Zoellner, October 20, 1951 in Aberdeen.

- They made their home in the Groton area where she raised her family. In 1970, Irene became employed at the Americana and then the Colonial Manor of Groton and retired in the late 1990's from the Aberdeen Living Center. She was devoted to her family and nursing.
- Irene was well known for her knitting, gardening and plants. She was an excellent cook and loved to make homemade noodles. Irene loved to have her family together.
- She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother Mervin, daughter-in-law, Sharon Zoellner, son-in-law, Ed Phillips, one sister-in-law Gloria Mullner, one brother-in-law, Robert Sletten, and step granddaughter, Patty Ringenberg.
- Grateful for having shared her life is her husband, Orval of Groton, SD and her children, Vicki Phillips of Groton, SD, Lee (Janet) Zoellner of Beloit, WI, Neil (Penny) Zoellner of Clinton, WI, Nila (Ron) Christensen of Webster, SD, Arlin (Cindy) Zoellner of Conde, SD, Joel (Lynn) Zoellner of Groton, SD, and Crystal (Allen) Hageman of Gettysburg, SD. Two sisters, Phyllis (Orville) Gorne of Aberdeen, SD and Bonnie (Ken) Johnson of Yankton, SD. Two brothers, Duane (Della) Mullner and Melvin (Martha) Mullner both of Aberdeen, SD, one sister-in-law, Vivian Sletten of Aberdeen, SD, fifteen grandchildren, Melinda (Jonathan) Swatkowski, Elizabeth (Calvin) Kunkle, Michael, Scott, Jennifer, Julia, Ellie Zoellner, Jacob, Linse and Delci Christensen, Casey Zoellner, Katie Spicer, Bridgett, Colten and Alyson Hageman, three step grandchildren, John (Lana) Phillips, Jerry (Kathy) Phillips, Jim (Lynn) Phillips, ten step great grandchildren and seven step great great grandchildren.